GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2736
ANSWERED ON:19.03.2007
RECRUITMENT RULES FOR EMPLOYEES OF PRASAR BHARATI
Kurup Adv. Suresh

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Hon'ble Supreme Court has given any direction to the Ministry or Prasar Bharati to finalise the recruitment rules and the service conditions of the employees of the Prasar Bharati;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard;

(d) whether the Government has any plan to roll back the Corporation into Government; and

(e) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. R. DASMUNSI)

(a) & (b) Yes Sir. The Hon'ble Supreme Court in its Judgment dated 02.02.2007 in a Civil Appeal No.3244/02 (Prasar Bharati & Ors. V/s. Amarjeet Singh & Ors.), ruled that the employees are under the administrative control of the Corporation and it has the power to transfer its employees. Hon'ble Supreme Court directed the Union of India to take a firm decision on transferring Government employees to Prasar Bharati in terms of Section 11 of the Prasar Bharati Act within six months. The Secretary, DOP&T has been directed to file an affidavit within or immediately after the expiry of the aforementioned period.

(c) A Group of Minister (GoM) has been constituted to examine the various issues pertaining to the functioning of the Prasar Bharati including service conditions and financial package for the employees of Prasar Bharati.

(d) & (e) The matter is before the GoM.